



Creating Whole Communities

Southern Lakes Community





Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome
- Where we've been
- Where are we now?
 - Research results
- So now what?
- Next Steps





Where we've been

- Public Official survey
- Lake Fenton High School Meeting
- Exit surveys
- Grants





Population Growth

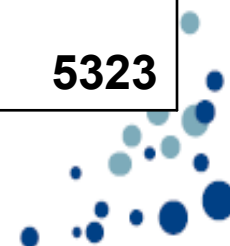
City/Township	2000	2005	% change	Net growth
Argentine Twp	6558	7181	9%	623
Fenton Twp	12932	14655	12%	1723
Mundy Twp	12194	14042	13%	1848
Tyrone Twp	8412	10519	20%	2107
Fenton City	10582	11901	11%	1319
Linden City	2861	3452	17%	591
Total	53539	61750		8211





New Building Permits 2000-05

Municipality	Residential Permits	Commercial Permits	Total Permits
City of Linden	418	26	444
Mundy Township	1109	35	1144
Argentine Township	1071	18	1089
Fenton Township	1081	15	1096
City of Fenton	427	166	593
Tyrone Township	938	19	957
Grand Totals	5044	279	5323





Local Survey Results

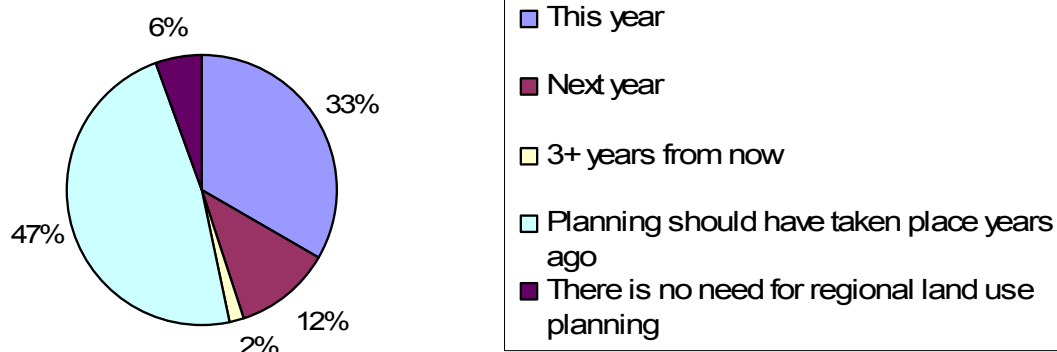
Issue	Score
Growth Management	204
Protecting Lakes and Rivers	190
Traffic/Transportation	175
Paying for sewer/water	149
Shared recreational service and green space	148
Preserving farmland	143
Connecting trails and sidewalks across jurisdictional boundaries	142
Joint Service provision- Coordination of Utilities	138





Greenlinks Survey

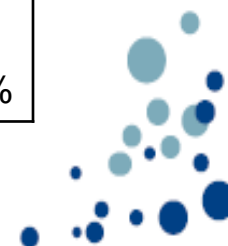
When should regional land use planning take place



Courtesy of
GLS
Greenlinks
Plan

When should land use
planning occur...

	Genesee	Lapeer	Shiawassee	Weighted Total
This year	32.1%	37.4%	36.3%	33.4%
Next year	13.7%	5.6%	7.1%	11.7%
3+ years from now	0.8%	3.9%	4.2%	1.7%
Planning should have taken place years ago	49.6%	44.1%	41.1%	47.7%
There is no need for regional land use planning	3.8%	8.9%	11.3%	5.5%





Where we've been

- Successful Grants
 - \$46,000 from SWIN, ending in November 2008
 - \$24,000 from MSU, ended December 2007





Where are we now?

- Student Photographs
- Video Interviews & Film
- Feedback from community conversations





Where are we now?

- Student Photographs
 - Who participated
 - Likes
 - Major Categories
 - Problem Areas
 - Major Categories





Where are we now?

- Video Interviews & Film
 - SET OF FIVE BASIC QUESTIONS
 - FIFTEEN CODED INTERVIEWS
 - 4 - 5 MULTIPLE RESPONDENT INTERVIEWS REMAIN
 - PARTICIPANTS' COMMUNITIES
 - LINDEN
 - FENTON
 - SWARTZ CREEK
 - GAINES
 - TYRONE TOWNSHIP
 - HARTLAND





Where are we now?

- WHEN YOU HEAR THE WORD “COMMUNITY,” WHAT COMES TO MIND?
 - GENERAL CATEGORIES OF RESPONSES
 - NEIGHBORS
 - CHURCH
 - FAMILY
 - WORKING TOGETHER; HELPING THOSE IN NEED
 - CAMARADERIE
 - FRIENDS
 - FELLOWSHIP, CLOSENESS
 - PUBLIC ACTIVITIES / EVENTS / FAIRS
 - VOLUNTEERING
 - SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES
 - BUSINESS OWNERS





Where are we now?

- WHAT MAKES YOUR COMMUNITY SPECIAL?
 - GENERAL RESPONSES
 - LOCAL BUSINESSES
 - PARKS
 - RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES
 - LAKES
 - GOLF
 - SPORTS FACILITIES
 - NEIGHBORS
 - LIBRARIES
 - THEATERS / PLAYS
 - GROWTH / DEVELOPMENT
 - RESTAURANTS
 - SHOPPING





Where are we now?

- Community Conversations
 - Partnered with Community Challenge
 - 5 community conversations, 10 presentations
 - Meeting Outcomes





So, what's this mean for us?

- Tying it all together
 - Conclusions
 - Moving Forward





Now What?

- What's our vision?
 - Guides public investment and private development decisions
 - Describes community's desires
 - Builds on community's strengths
 - What are your values?
 - What do you want to become?
- Anticipate change, organize to prepare for change, shape change





Guiding Principles

The SLPI will work together to:

- Build community connections, recognizing that working together helps everyone





Guiding Principles

The SLPI will work together to:

- Achieve the most efficient allocation of resources and reduce duplication





Guiding Principles

The SLPI will work together to:

- Preserve the unique character of the region and each community within it
- Recognize that each community has a role and assets to contribute; the identity of each community is important





Guiding Principles

The SLPI will work together to:

- Plan for change so that the small town atmosphere of the area is preserved





Guiding Principles

The SLPI will work together to:

- Create a safe, fun and attractive environment for young people and young families





Now What?

- Guiding Principles – sound good?
- Are we still in it?!
- Let's get focused
 - Develop a vision statement?
 - Think about working on a specific project?





How do I participate?

- Spread the word!
- Recruiting participants
- Forming work groups
- Request assistance for projects





Next Meeting

- February 20, 2008
 - 7pm at John's Pizzeria
 - 1492 N. Leroy St., north of Silver Lake Road
 - Potential guest speaker from Clio Regional Planning Board.
 - Review report of results

